

CIVIL NUCLEAR TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE JUSTIFICATION FOR CHARTER RENEWAL

The Secretary of Commerce (the Secretary) established the CINTAC under the authority granted in 15 U.S.C. 1512, and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App., as amended, and with the concurrence of the General Services Administration on September 17, 2008. CINTAC was established to advise on the development and administration of programs to expand U.S. exports of civil nuclear goods and services and to support the Commerce Department's Civil Nuclear Trade Initiative (CNTI). The CNTI's goal is to strengthen the competitiveness of the U.S. nuclear industry as it endeavors to rebuild its manufacturing base by capturing opportunities abroad. The CINTAC has provided vital input from industry and private sector stakeholders on the CNTI's implementation.

The CINTAC has been renewed three times on the following dates: September 10, 2010, September 6, 2012, and August 13, 2014.

- 1. Accomplishments during current charter period.** The CINTAC has met six times since the appointment of its members in February 2015, and its accomplishments include the following:
 - Recommended the creation of a Civil Nuclear Financing Forum to bring together members of industry, finance, and the US government to discuss challenges to supporting nuclear industry growth and exports. The Financing Forum was held on March 11, 2016.
 - Recommended that 'Civil Nuclear 101' training be a priority for employees, particularly for ITA staff who have civil nuclear energy within their portfolios. The pilot training program was held in August 2015 and the full training program is being finalized with cooperation from the U.S. Department of Energy.
 - Adopted a letter to the Secretary of Commerce recommending her support for the renewal of the U.S.-China 123 Agreement. The Agreement was renewed in November 2015.
 - Adopted a letter to the Secretary expressing support for the Export-Import Bank's reauthorization. The Export-Import Bank was reauthorized in December 2015.
 - Recommended the establishment of an online directory of U.S. nuclear energy companies and Team USA resources. ITA's Office of Energy and Environmental Industries (OEEI) is creating an online Civil Nuclear Toolkit which will be released this summer.
 - Recommended Team USA support for international partner ratification of the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage, which entered into force in 2015.
 - Recommended adding resources to OEEI assigned to nuclear energy promotion. OEEI is currently recruiting for an additional FTE to support the civil nuclear portfolio.
- 2. Need for Renewal.** The renewal of CINTAC is needed in order for the Secretary to obtain advice on programs to expand U.S. exports of civil nuclear goods and services,

which will be used by the Department in its participation in the Civil Nuclear Trade Working Group of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee and the Atoms for Prosperity interagency group to promote U.S. civil nuclear trade. A strong U.S. civil nuclear industry is strategically important to the U.S. because of its large trade and investment potential, ability to spur innovation, and its support of highly-skilled manufacturing capacity and well-paying jobs in the U.S. The renewed CINTAC will continue to advise the Secretary on the next phase of the National Export Initiative (NEI) – NEI/Next. CINTAC advice will help achieve NEI/Next goals by further positioning U.S. industry to take advantage of an expanding global civil nuclear market worth \$500-740 billion over the next ten years.

Interest in the expansion of civil nuclear generating capacity is growing at an unprecedented rate worldwide, resulting in new foreign markets and opportunities for American companies. The U.S. Government has a continuing need for advice from the U.S. civil nuclear industry in order to develop effective programs to enhance industry competitiveness in foreign markets and adapt to rapidly changing conditions.

3. **Balanced Membership.** The CINTAC will consist of approximately 40 members selected from among small, medium-sized and large U.S. companies, utilities, trade associations, research institutions and universities, and other organizations in the U.S. civil nuclear sector, from varied geographic areas and sub-sectors.
4. **Other Factors.** The functions of the CINTAC cannot be performed by the Department, another existing advisory committee, or any other federal agency. The CINTAC's work cannot be performed by the Department on its own because the Department lacks the direct knowledge of the issues facing businesses and other key private sector stakeholders in this industry. The CINTAC is the only Federal advisory body with a balanced representation of civil nuclear energy companies and organizations tasked with examining the export competitiveness of the civil nuclear energy industry. These viewpoints are not available from other advisory committees. Therefore, renewing the CINTAC will not result in any duplication of resources.
5. **Completion of Functions.** The need for advice from representatives of CINTAC will be ongoing, and the work of the CINTAC is of an ongoing nature.